

BLOW LEAD TO SHOT

ONE MAN STRIKES ANOTHER
AND IS SHOT TO DEATH.

Most Deplorable Affair at Branchville, in Which Abe Pearlstone Is Killed by J. J. Jones.

The quiet and peace-loving little city of Branchville was terribly shocked Thursday morning when it became known that Mr. Abe Pearlstone, one of the town's most prominent merchants, had been shot and killed by J. J. Jones, Esq., a lawyer residing in the town, in a personal difficulty at the postoffice.

The particulars of the unfortunate affair, as brought out before the coroner's jury, shows that it was one of those deplorable tragedies that is liable to happen when men resort to force to settle personal matters.

Thursday morning at about a quarter to ten o'clock, Mr. Pearlstone went to the postoffice to get his mail, and while he was in the lobby of the office Mr. Jones came in to get his mail. As Mr. Jones was about to pass him, Mr. Pearlstone accosted Jones, and handed him a paper, said to have been a request for Pearlstone for the settlement of a mercantile debt of \$37.89 which he owed some house from whom he had bought goods. It is said Pearlstone had paid this account to Jones some time before and held his receipt in full for the same.

Jones made some reply, which seems to have aggravated Pearlstone, who then struck Jones in the face with his fist, bruising him up pretty badly and bringing the blood. The two men then passed several blows, Jones being badly used up in the encounter. Hearing the noise outside in the lobby, Postmaster Byrd rushed out and separated the two men, requesting them not to renew the difficulty, as his wife was in the postoffice. Pearlstone, who had precipitated the row by first striking Jones, apologized to Postmaster Byrd, and assured him that he was very sorry for what had happened.

Jones, who seemed to be very much excited, passed by Pearlstone and Byrd while they were talking, with the intention apparently of leaving the office, but he stopped just inside the door, faced about, drew a pistol, and after slipping it out of a case, opened fire on Pearlstone, who was only a few feet away. Jones fired only once, the ball striking Pearlstone in the abdomen. When he was shot the unfortunate man exclaimed: "I am shot." Postmaster Byrd said: "Let's go to the doctor." Pearlstone replied: "I am dying." He then tried to support himself by leaning up against the door leading into the postmaster's private office; a moment later he fell backward on the floor, where he breathed his last in less than five minutes after the fatal shot.

Drs. Wimberly and Parker were hastily summoned, but were unable to render any assistance to the dying man. Immediately after he died the fatal shot, Jones left the postoffice building and went to his law office, where he remained until he was taken in custody by Alderman S. S. Byrd. He came to Orangeburg, accompanied by the officers and surrounded by Sheriff Salley, and was locked in jail, where he now is, and where he will remain until his trial, or until he is granted bail which Messrs. Wolfe & Berry, who represent him, will endeavor to get for him.

Magistrate A. S. Dukes presided over the inquest, which was held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. There were but four witnesses examined, Postmaster Byrd, C. A. Dukes and Earl Smoak, all of whom saw the killing, and Dr. J. S. Wimberly. Postmaster Byrd testified that Pearlstone was walking away with him, when Jones came back from the front of the building and shot him. Earl Smoak was standing partly between Jones and Pearlstone when the shot was fired. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound in the hands of John J. Jones. The following men served on the jury: L. H. Fairley, J. B. Henderson, Dan Smoak, J. D. Byrd, J. W. Barr, X. C. Jones, Lee Crum, T. O. Edwards, D. R. Steedley, A. B. Utsey, John Palmer and H. Berry.

Another Account.
Dr. B. X. Minus and Mr. L. H. Fairley, of Branchville, were in Charleston Thursday night. Mr. Fairley was a member of the coroner's jury which sat at the inquest over the dead body of Mr. Pearlstone. When seen by a News and Courier reporter Dr. Minus told the story of the tragedy as he had gathered it. Mr. Fairley concurring in all that he said. Dr. Minus, in speaking of the killing said:

"Pearlstone met Jones in the postoffice this morning about 9:45 o'clock and handed him a paper, supposed to be a letter from the law firm of Bowman & Bowman, of Orangeburg, relative to an account said to be due by Pearlstone. He offered the paper to Jones three times, and each time Jones refused to accept it. It seems that Jones had some time before presented Mr. Pearlstone with a bill for \$37.50 and had collected the amount. It is said that Pearlstone held the receipt for the payment of the account. The letter from a law firm requesting him to make prompt payment nettled him somewhat, and it is believed he went to Jones to get an explanation of the case.

"When Jones refused the paper for the third time Pearlstone struck him and brought blood from his face. Postmaster J. Marion Byrd, fearing a fight in the postoffice, walked out in the lobby and asked the two men not to fight, as Mrs. Byrd was in the building and she was very nervous.

"Pearlstone turned to walk off with Postmaster Byrd. He begged the postmaster's pardon and asked him to excuse him for raising a disturbance in the building. Jones started out of the front door. Just as Pearlstone and Postmaster Byrd were about to enter Postmaster Byrd's office Jones came back, and stepping in front of Pearlstone, drew his pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in the right side. The wound was fatal. Pearlstone reeled and fell in half a minute. Jones ran out of the postoffice and across the street to his place of business. He stood in the door, aiming his pistol toward the postoffice as if he were uncertain of having killed Pearlstone and expected him to follow him.

"Dr. J. S. Wimberly, who was on the street, near the postoffice, heard the pistol shot and ran immediately to the postoffice to the wounded man. Postmaster Byrd had called the assistant postmaster and told him to go for a doctor, but before he could start out of the building Dr. Wimberly appeared on the scene. Pearlstone called out to the doctor before he reached him that he had been shot and was dying. In a few minutes he had breathed his last.

"Mr. Pearlstone was a very popular man in Branchville, and when it was known that he had been shot by Jones many of the citizens were so aroused that they began to talk of taking violent measures with the slayer. In a few moments a big crowd had gathered around the postoffice. Alderman S. S. Byrd went to Jones' place of business and took charge of him. He turned him over to Chief of Police M. O. Browning, who disarmed him. As it was about train time Officer Browning decided it would be best to get Jones to Orangeburg and place him in the county jail without delay. Accordingly he and Mr. Howell Black boarded the train with Jones and took him to Orangeburg."

Jones Badly Banged.

In less than three hours after the unfortunate encounter Jones was in the sheriff's office at the court house. He gave evidence of having been pretty roughly handled by Pearlstone. He had several bruises on his face, which was still bloody from the blows he had received in the fight. After arriving here he went to a photographer and had himself photographed. The picture shows the scars and bruises he received in the encounter. Jones refused to be interviewed by the press, saying that he would rather not make any statement about the unfortunate affair for publication. Jones was advised by his friends to leave Branchville at once.

W. C. Martin, Esq., of Branchville, represented the dead man's family at the inquest, and W. C. Wolfe, Esq., of this city, represented Jones. It was brought out at the inquest that while Pearlstone was the aggressor, he was not armed, not having even a pen knife on his person at the time the fatal encounter took place. It is claimed by Jones' friends that immediately before the shooting, Jones was set upon by Pearlstone, who began beating him very violently, knocking him against the wall of the building, which prevented Jones from being knocked completely down; that during this onslaught Jones repeatedly asked Pearlstone to desist, but without avail.

Such is the sad story as we could gather it from different sources. Mr. Jones, who did the killing, is a young lawyer who has been living in Branchville some two years or more. He came there from Colleton county, where he was born and raised. He is about thirty-five years of age and has a wife and several children. He is a young man of good address and deportment. He is well-known in this city, where he has many friends. Mr. Jones has not the appearance of an aggressive or quarrelsome man.

Mr. Pearlstone, the victim of the unfortunate tragedy, was thirty-four years old. He was born and raised in Branchville, and had lived there nearly all his life. He was prominent in the business affairs of Branchville. Besides being the manager of a large mercantile business there, he was a director of the Branchville Hardware company and was a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Branchville. He was a social favorite of the town, and enjoyed the love and esteem of both young and old.

Mr. Pearlstone is survived by a widow and two little boys, his aged mother, who has been living with him, three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Jacobs, of Charleston; Mrs. Rachael Wolfe, of Allendale; Mrs. Sarah Pearlstone, of St. Matthews; four brothers, Mr. Shep Pearlstone, of New York; Mr. Thos. L. Pearlstone, of Allendale; Mr. Solie S. Pearlstone, of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Dr. K. I. Pearlstone, of Charleston. His remains were carried to Charleston on Thursday night for interment. Thus another sad tragedy is added to the annals of Orangeburg county, which we all deplore and regret.

Masonic Election.

At the last convocation of Eureka Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., of this city, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: W. W. Wannamaker, H. P. W. R. Lowman, K.; A. J. Thackston, S.; H. C. Wannamaker, C. of H.; R. R. Ayers, P. S.; M. L. Siffy, R. A. C.; T. P. Ayers, M. 3d. V.; L. C. Wannamaker, M. 2d. V.; W. S. Barton, Jr., M. 1st. V.; E. N. Scoville, Treasurer; F. S. Dibble, Secretary; A. Borg, Organist, and G. Hollengren, Sentinel.

"Two Hearts That Beat as One."

Mr. Cleon M. Hart, of Holly Hill, and Miss Mamie Lou Axson of Orangeburg were married on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1910, at the residence of Rev. D. D. Dantzier, the officiating minister. Several relatives and friends of the happy pair were interested witnesses of the ceremony. Blessings on them.

MAY BE SAVED YET

THE EDISTO RIVER PROJECT
MAY YET BE A SUCCESS.

Board of Army Engineers Grants Request for Further Hearing and Orangeburg Will Be Heard.

Orangeburg has not given up the fight for the opening up of the Edisto river to navigation by along ways. She will be ably backed by Congressman Lever and Capt. Adams, the United States Army Engineer who surveyed the river and reported favorably on the project. As we stated in our last issue his favorable report was turned down by the board in Washington, which granted a rehearing if presented in three weeks. Congressman Lever immediately arranged for a hearing before the board on January 3 in reference to the matter, and it is by no means certain that the project will not yet be carried successfully through, as recommended by Capt. E. M. Adams, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the river and harbor work in South Carolina. The opening of the Edisto river means a great deal to Orangeburg as well as the people living near it between here and Charleston, and we hope it will be done.

Congressman Lever lost no time upon being apprised of the report of the board of engineers, refusing to endorse Capt. Adams' findings on the ground that the commerce of the section and the cost of the project did not justify the work, in making an application for a new hearing which the board allowed in its statement of the case, upon proper representation. The expressed willingness of the board to accord a hearing to the advocates of the project was probably volunteered, in view of Capt. Adams' warm endorsement of the project.

Congressman Lever who made the trip down the river when Capt. Adams went over the route, after it had been previously surveyed and examined by one of his engineers, is very enthusiastic over the scheme and, as was expected of him, when he got word of the adverse report by the board of engineers, he lost no time in making a request for a rehearing, which has been assigned for January 3. He communicated his action to the people of this city, assuring them that the fight had just begun.

The matter came up before the Board of Trade on Wednesday night, and after statements by Capt. M. O. Dantzier and Mr. W. L. Glover, the Board resolved to do all it could to have the work on the river done. In pursuance of this object a committee composed of Hon. Samuel Dibble, Col. W. G. Smith, Capt. M. O. Dantzier, and Messrs. R. H. Jennings, Fred Wannamaker, W. L. Glover and J. W. Smoak were appointed to proceed to Washington and appear before the Board.

Branchville, Rowesville, Cottageville, Givens and other places interested in the project will be asked to send delegation to Washington to appear before the Board and endeavor to get it to reverse its action in turning down Capt. Adams' report in favor of opening up the river, and it is hoped that they will do so. These places are as much interested in this enterprise as Orangeburg is, and they ought to help fight for it. The city council will also be asked to help in the fight.

Bowman's Lyceum Course.

Bowman, Dec. 16.—Special.—The first lyceum attraction this season for Bowman was given at the graded school auditorium last night by Tom Carwine, Polyphonic Imitator. It is needless to say that it was hugely enjoyed by the crowd in attendance. The next attraction will follow some time in January next, the date not definitely arranged as yet, but will be given later.

"The White Shawl," a farce comedy, is in course of preparation by and will be introduced to the public at the school auditorium next Tuesday evening, commencing about 8 p. m. Messrs. Knight and C. J. East are the leaders in this play. A success accompanied with much pleasure is anticipated. Everybody is reach invited to come and be pleasantly entertained for an hour or so.

Providence's Annual Bazaar.

The ladies of the Woodman Circle will hold the annual bazaar at Providence church on December 27th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., and continuing through the day to 7 p. m. Dinner, refreshments, and oysters will be served. Amusements for both young and old will be provided.

The Rev. Jno. A. Brunson will lecture at the Woodman hall at 7 o'clock, p. m. Admission to the bazaar will be free. Admission to the lecture: Adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents.

This bazaar with its many features bids fair to be the best ever held here.

Come everybody and have a jolly time.

Baby Found Dead.

The coroner held an inquest over the body of an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Chavis on Thursday. The child, which was about four weeks old, slept in the same bed with its parents, and was found dead when they awoke on Wednesday. The verdict was that the baby died from natural causes.

Appropriate Gifts.

At Sims' Book Store one can find a present to suit every member of the family. Wouldn't a nice book be appreciated by anyone? A good fountain would be just the thing for father, and it would not be amiss to give a Bible to anyone.

CARD FROM EDITOR KNIGHT.

Correcting Some Statements Made by Mr. Brabham.

Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 9, 1910.

Editor Times and Democrat:

As you have seen fit to devote considerable editorial space to a discussion of taxation which has been going on over this side, I trust you will pardon me if I take the liberty of setting you straight as to the facts. Evidently you did not see the article of Mr. Brabham in the Walterboro Press and Standard and my reply thereto.

Briefly, Mr. Brabham stated in a letter to the Press and Standard that the increase in taxes in Bamberg over Barnwell had been 400 per cent up to this year, and this year they would be 500 per cent higher. He also stated that taxes in Bamberg were 400 per cent higher than in Colleton, stating that he paid taxes on property in both counties and the tax receipts proved this. I simply stated that Mr. Brabham was mistaken and offered to forfeit \$100 to any charity he might name if the auditors of Bamberg, Barnwell and Colleton sustained him, he to do likewise if they said he was in error. He did not accept this challenge, but wrote the communication which you copied. I went to the trouble of looking up the records for both Barnwell and Bamberg, and found, as stated, that lands were returned 36 cents per acre higher in Bamberg than Barnwell, and the levy was 1-4 of one mill higher. Truly a great difference! Does that sound like 500 per cent? The levy in Colleton is higher than in Bamberg, the assessed values no lower, therefore the error in regard to the county was too palpable to be challenged. However, I have brought these facts to light in other articles during the discussion. The facts do not confirm Mr. Brabham's claim as to taxes in the two counties as you state, but shows in fact that there is very little difference between Bamberg and Barnwell, and in the case of Colleton, our tax rate is lower. As to the people of his section voting themselves out of Bamberg, we have never heard of a single man except him who was dissatisfied.

I would not trespass upon your space but for the fact that the statements in your article are calculated to do this county much harm were they allowed to go unchallenged, and I trust that you will refer to the reports of the comptroller general, which your auditor can furnish you, and see the tax figures as set out for the counties named.

Your impression that Bamberg county has been economically and admirably managed is correct. Up to this year our levy has been lower than any county in this section, and when we state that our total county expenses this year, when all supplies are so high, will not be over \$18,000, you can readily see that we have an admirably managed county. Our county population is 18,544 according to the late census, and we believe that our expenses are as low per capita as any county in the State, no matter if many are more thickly settled and are larger.

A. W. Knight.

Thos. W. Murph Dead.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says "another prominent, useful and valuable citizen and Confederate Veteran passed away Thursday morning. Two years ago Mr. Thomas W. Murph, of the Murph's Mill section of this county, was stricken with paralysis, from which he rallied partially. He has known since that he was walking in the valley of the shadow, but he was not afraid to face the great Reaper. He was about 70 years old and lived all his life in the neighborhood of his birth. When the war broke out he enlisted and remained on the firing line until the surrender at Appomattox. Upon his return he found everything swept away except lands, but with his resolute nature he manfully faced conditions. He early married a Miss Livingstone from the forks of the Edisto, and from this union four sons survive. He was a man of strong convictions and large influence in his community. He loved old Wesley Chapel Methodist church with every fibre of his being. He was its faithful steward for a quarter of a century and not a dollar of the church dues ever failed to turn up at the conferences if in his power to prevent it. One of the features of every service at his church was the strong and musical voice of the deceased, distinct and vigorous above all others. He was honest to the core with the world and he demanded full reparation from the latter. His community, his church and county will miss him."

Benefit of Good Roads.

Roads are to a city or village what the arteries are to the human body. Without them no community can exist, and it naturally follows that the better the roads the greater the prosperity of the community. Many people will go miles out of their way to trade in some place to which they may travel over good hard roads, and in so doing will avoid the town near at hand to which approach is difficult because of bad roads. Yet there are many places so destitute of good sense and business enterprise that they never improve the roads. These are the places that vegetate and die and whose people curse their fate and complain of hard times.

Wanted Another Member.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The State says considerable comment has been made by citizens of Culhoun county concerning the official census report. There is no regret as to the fact that this county has the smallest population of any county in the State, but there is grave disappointment over the fact that it does not get another member in the house of representatives.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Only six days in which to do your Christmas shopping. So you had better get busy before the big rush comes.

Tragedies like that enacted at Branchville Thursday morning could be avoided if people would keep their tempers.

Santa Claus will be along in a little over a week. Think of that, boys and girls, and get on your good behavior.

Mr. Mortimer Glover, auditor of the Mobile Light and Railway Company is on a short visit to his father, Col. Mortimer Glover, of this city.

Mr. J. N. Glover will be elected an alderman of St. Matthews to fill a vacancy. He is superintendent of the Southern cotton oil mill at that place.

The Branchville Journal says there had been bad blood between Pearlstone and Jones for many months before the sad tragedy of Thursday morning.

Just received at Bryant Bros. stables a car load of Tennessee mules. Also a car of nice driving horses. It will pay those in the market for stock to call on them.

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Should Gov. Ansel see fit to turn Pink Franklin loose, we would advise the red handed murderer not to go back where he committed his crime unless he wants to stretch a rope.

It has come to a fine pass when the governor has to be petitioned to let a murderer be hanged after he has been convicted. Is it any wonder that we have numerous murderers?

The booze houses are advertising their booze quite extensively in this section. Our advice to all is to let booze severely alone this Christmas if they have never done so on any other Christmas.

The Branchville Journal says Pearlstone struck Jones several blows, but it has not been established whether the shot was fired while the licks were passing or after they had ceased.

President Harms, of Newberry College, will preach Sunday morning and evening at the Lutheran church. He is an eloquent and learned divine, and all who go out to hear him will be edified.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. D. Shuler Keller of the Florence section. He was stricken with paralysis several days ago, and now lays at his home in an unconscious state. We hope he may rally and soon be restored to health.

Two alarms of fire were sent in from ward five on Wednesday. The first was caused by an outburst on the premises of Gen. Izlar catching fire and the second was caused by a small blaze at the oil mill. Damage small at both places.

The Bamberg Times says a petition was circulated there last week to ask the governor to let Pink Franklin hang Friday of next week. It will be remembered that Franklin killed Constable Valentine in 1907 in Orangeburg county.

There will be an entertainment given at Salem school, Friday night, December 23rd. Refreshments will be served. Among other amusements will be a cake walk. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Proceeds will go for the benefit of school.

Major W. L. Glaze, of this city, has again been elected Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District. Major Glaze is a bright, enthusiastic Mason, and no better selection could be made for the high office to which he has again been elected.

The Bamberg Times says that "Miss Lola Wannamaker of Orangeburg has been elected to fill the vacancy in the graded school here caused by the resignation of Miss Francis, who has returned to her home in Blackstock on account of bad health."

Cordova Special.

There will be an entertainment given on the lawn of Mr. P. M. Wolfe on the Cannon Bridge, on Friday, December 16th, for the benefit of Pine Hill school, district 4. Time, 6:30 p. m. Admission: Adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents. Oysters and fruit will be served. Among other amusements will be a cake walk. Come one, come all; both young and old, and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Don't Forget This.

In sending us news of the death of a relative or friend, please don't wait a month or two, when it ceases to be news. We charge half a cent a word for obituaries regardless of when sent in; death notices are published free when they come as news—not a month or a year after the funeral. Obituary poetry, or extracts from the hymn book, are printed only at half a cent a word. Please don't ask us to deviate from this rule.

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If sick or weak, get a bottle today. At all druggists. Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free.

Loses Entire Corn Crop.

The corn had just been hauled up David Gilliam, a prominent farmer and stacked away for the shredder of Abbeville county lost his entire crop of corn yesterday by fire. The loss is about \$1,500.

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